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A disk drive spindle motor comprising:

a rotating unit including a hub and a permanent magnet secured to said hub;

a stationary unit including a bracket and a stator core with a coil winding; and

a bearing unit including a fixed shaft mounted on said bracket, a bushing secured to said hub, a disc clamp centering tube which is adapted to center a ^{disc} disk
~~in the disk drive and about which the disk surrounds~~ the disc clamp centering tube

and at least one bearing element supporting said bushing for its rotation with respect to said shaft,

wherein said disc clamp centering tube is welded to the hub of the rotating unit.